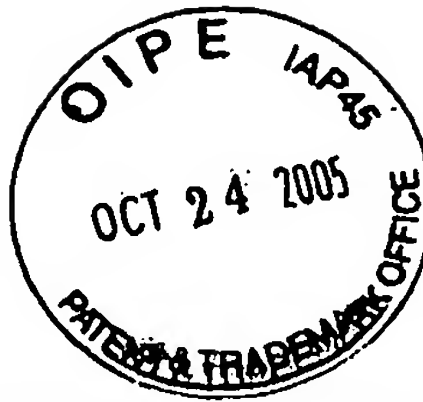


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SIR:

In response to the Advisory Action dated August 30, 2005, and the Official Action dated June 22, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.